



# Yucca Weekly Update



**Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona**

**Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet.**

**February 4, 2011**



**The Glendale Chocolate Affaire**  
Continues Through Sunday. [Click here](#)  
for all the details.



## **Glendale Green Festival**

The fourth annual Glendale Green Festival will be held noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 26, at the Glendale Main Library and surrounding Xeriscape Demonstration Garden located at 5959 W. Brown Street.

This free something-for-everyone event is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about water and energy efficiency, recycling, gardening, alternative modes of transportation, and other green-living practices. For more information about the contests, workshops and the entire Glendale Green Festival, call 623-930-3535 or [click here](#).

Dear Yucca District Residents,

A Special Edition newsletter from the Gila River Indian Community was recently brought to my attention. The newsletter summarizes a lot of the issues involved with the proposal from the Tohono O'odham Nation for Reservation Land and a Casino on the border of Glendale.

I wanted to share this with you. Please [click here](#), then scroll down to "May-Special Edition\_Final" to read the publication.

— Joyce

**Boards and Commissions.** The Glendale City Council has appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions.

Congratulations and many thanks to the Yucca District residents who have volunteered to serve. They are Ron Cohoe (chair), Aviation Advisory Commission; Edgar Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission; and Herbert Haley, Personnel Board.

These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale. Residents can request an application to serve on a citizen advisory group or obtain more information by calling the Council Office at 623-930-2249 or visiting [www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions](http://www.glendaleaz.com/boardsandcommissions).

**Councilmember Joyce Clark Appointed to National Committee.** Councilmember Clark has been reappointed to serve on the Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee for the National League of Cities (NLC).

The committee is responsible for policy development in the areas of crime prevention, corrections, substance abuse, fire policy, juvenile justice, disaster preparedness and relief, homeland security, domestic terrorism, court systems and gun control.

The NLC, which is the largest national organization representing municipal governments in the U.S., serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 19,000 cities, villages and towns it represents. Its mission is to strengthen and promote municipalities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance.

**Glendale Putting Stimulus Funding To Good Use.** Glendale has received more than \$11 million in federal stimulus funding in the areas of public safety, community services, energy efficiency and conservation and transportation, which has and continues to provide services, resources and savings to the city and its residents. With these funds, the city has been able to move forward with several community-based projects that would have otherwise not been possible. For a summary of funding Glendale has received, [click here](#).

Especially noteworthy are the projects listed under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation grant, which are estimated to result in a savings of more than \$497,000 in annual operating and maintenance costs, a substantial advantage for the city's general fund. Furthermore, because Glendale was able to make these energy efficiency upgrades through

the grant, the city is applying for rebates from Arizona Public Service (APS) and Salt River Project (SRP). If the rebates are received, they must be reinvested into other energy efficiency projects such as additional lighting retrofits and other energy saving projects.

For additional information on Glendale's use of federal stimulus funding, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/recovery](http://www.glendaleaz.com/recovery). Glendale's site also has links to the US government's recovery website and further information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

**2011 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award Nominations.** The city of Glendale Historic Preservation Commission is accepting nominations for the 16th Annual Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award. Nomination forms are due by March 1, 2011, and must be submitted to Jon M. Froke, AICP, Historic Preservation Officer, City of Glendale Planning Department, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., #212, Glendale, AZ 85301, or by e-mail to [jfroke@glendaleaz.com](mailto:jfroke@glendaleaz.com).

The prestigious Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award was developed by the Historic Preservation Commission to recognize outstanding contributions to historic preservation initiatives in the city of Glendale by individuals and organizations. The award is named after Ruth Byrne, who has made significant contributions to historic preservation in the city of Glendale. Ruth served on the Historic Preservation Commission and is past president of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society.

The Historic Preservation Commission will evaluate the nominations and select the award recipient. The award will be presented during the month of May, which is National Historic Preservation Month.

For more information on where to pick up a nomination form or to download a form online [click here](#).

**From the Heart Applications Due March 14, 2011.** "From the Heart" is a unique partnership of Glendale residents, the city of Glendale, the [BHHS Legacy Foundation](#) and local community agencies. Every "From the Heart" dollar stays right here in our community to support social service agencies that serve Glendale residents. The city is currently accepting applications from social service agencies that are non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations. For more information on the program and the application process, [click here](#).

**Freeway Closure.** Loop 101 northbound will be closed from 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 to 5 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7 between I-10 and Glendale Avenue for the HOV lane construction project. I-10 ramps to Loop 101 northbound will also be closed. Consider I-17 or SR 51 as alternate routes. [Read more](#) about this project. [Click here](#) for a full list of this weekend's closures.

## Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule. [Click here](#) for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. [Click here](#) to watch a City Council meeting online.

**Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show.** Join us for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show presented by Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday February 12 and Sunday, February 13. The show is held at Historic Sahuaro Ranch, 9802 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Enjoy tractor pulls, displays and more! Adults \$5; ages 12 and under free. For more details, call 623-930-4200.

**Fine Arts Exhibit at Sahuaro Ranch Park.** Original art by Arizona artists is featured at the Glendale Arts Council Juried Fine Arts Exhibition held through February 20 at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area Fruit Packing Shed, 9802 N. 59th Ave.

Exhibit hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The exhibit is free, but admission to the park will be \$5 per person for those over 12 years old on Saturday and Sunday, February 12-13, during the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Antique Tractor & Engine Show. There is no charge to enter the park on all other exhibit dates. For more information, call 623-930-4206.

**Glendale University 101 Spring 2011 Semester.** Sign up now for the Glendale University 101 spring semester! This free educational program, offered in partnership with Cox Communications, is for Glendale residents and business owners who want to learn more about the city of Glendale and how it operates. Each class highlights key functions of the city, such as police and fire, finance and budget, community services, public services and more. At the first class on March 7, participants will meet Glendale's Mayor and City Council. Please [click here](#) for more information about this 10-week program. The last day for registration is Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

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